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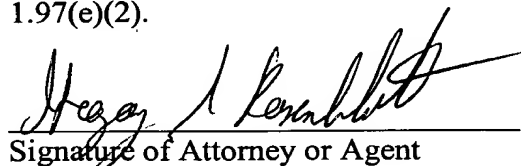
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Dear Sir:

In keeping with the duty of candor and good faith owed to the Patent and Trademark Office, applicant wishes to make of record the items on attached PTO Form 1449 which were considered during the preparation of the subject application. Copies of the items are provided in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

U.S. Patent No. 2,028,317 entitled "Welding Rod Alloy" by Butterbaugh issued January 21, 1936.

U.S. Patent No. 3,375,107 entitled "Copper Base Alloy and Method for Its Manufacture" by Kranz issued March 26, 1968.

U.S. Patent No. 4,337,089 entitled "Copper-Nickel-Tin Alloys for Lead Conductor Materials for Integrated Circuits and a Method for Producing the Same" by Arita, et al. issued June 29, 1982.

U.S. Patent No. 4,362,579 entitled "High-Strength-Conductivity Copper Alloy" by Tsuji issued December 7, 1982.

U.S. Patent No. 4,666,667 entitled "High-Strength, High-Conductivity Copper Alloy" by Kamio, et al. issued May 19, 1987.

U.S. Patent No. 4,971,758 entitled "Copper-Based Alloy Connector for Electrical Devices" by Suzuki, et al. issued November 20, 1990.

U.S. Patent No. 5,024,814 entitled "Copper Alloy Having Excellent Hot Rollability and Excellent Adhesion Strength of Plated Surface Thereof when Heated" by Futatasuka, et al. issued June 18, 1991.

U.S. Patent No. 5,334,346 entitled "Copper Alloy for Electrical and Electronic Parts" by Kim issued August 2, 1994.

U.S. Patent No. 5,507,885 entitled "Copper-Based Alloy" by Sakai issued April 16, 1996.

U.S. Patent No. 5,820,701 entitled "Copper Alloy and Process for Obtaining Same" by Bhargava issued October 13, 1998.

U.S. Patent No. 5,865,910 entitled "Copper Alloy and Process for Obtaining Same" by Bhargava issued February 2, 1999.

The following foreign patents were also considered during the preparation of the application:

Japan – Patent No.59047751, published March 17, 1984. A Derwent abstract (copy enclosed) details a copper alloy comprising 1.5 – 10 wt% Ni, 5 – 20 wt% Zn, 0.0020 wt% O and balance copper and impurities.

Japan – Patent No.59126742, published July 21, 1984. A Derwent abstract (copy enclosed) details a copper alloy useful as the welded tube of radiator.

Japan – Patent No.59197542, published November 9, 1984. A Derwent abstract (copy enclosed) details an alloy useful for radiator tubes exposed to corrosive atmosphere.

Japan – Patent No.61127840, published November 27, 1984. A Derwent abstract (copy enclosed) details a Cu alloy used for electrically conductive spring materials such as connectors, terminals, relays, and switches, as well as lead materials of semiconductor equipment such as transistors and integrated circuits.

Japan – Patent No.62199741, published September 3, 1987. A Derwent abstract (copy enclosed) details a Cu alloy used for the terminals or connectors of civil, industrial applications, and automobiles.

Japan – Patent No.63026320, published February 3, 1988. A Derwent abstract (copy enclosed) details a Cu alloy with excellent spring properties and corrosion resistance.

Japan – Patent No.1062429, published March 8, 1989. A Derwent abstract (copy enclosed) details a bus bar for an electric connection box made of Cu alloy.

Japan – Patent No.1068436, published March 14, 1989. A Derwent abstract (copy enclosed) details a heat resistant Cu alloy bar.

Japan – Patent No.4354843, published December 9, 1992. A Derwent abstract (copy enclosed) details a Cu alloy used for manufacturing heat exchangers, etc.

Japan – Patent No.5311292, published November 22, 1993. A Derwent abstract (copy enclosed) details a Cu-based alloy used for car radiators and domestic heat exchangers.

Japan – Patent No.6184679, published July 5, 1994. A Derwent abstract (copy enclosed) details a Cu alloy used for connectors and other lead material, having good strength, heat resistance and spring limiting value.

Japan – Patent No.7126779, published May 16, 1995. A Derwent abstract (copy enclosed) details a Cu alloy used for multi-pin connectors and sockets for charging electric cars.

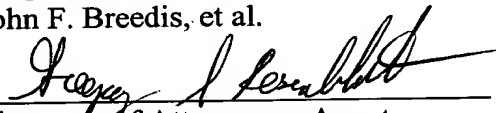
EP - 0-795-693-A2 entitled "Copper-alloy and sliding bearing having improved seizure resistance" by Oshiro et al., published Sep. 17, 1997.

EP – 0-859-065-A1 entitled "Copper base alloys and terminals using the same" by Hana et al., published Aug. 19, 1998.

The following publication was also considered during preparation of the application:

Bhargava, New Higher Conductivity Alloys Within the Improved Phosphor Bronze and Improved Copper-Tin-Zinc Alloy Families, pages 119-129.

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